Supplemental Material

Plasmid-Mediated Quinolone Resistance Genes and Antibiotic Residues in Wastewater and Soil Adjacent to Swine Feedlots: Potential Transfer to Agricultural Lands

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Technical Details of Relevant Methods

PCR assays for PMQR genes: Qualitative PCR assays were used to assess the presence of PMQR genes: qnrA, qnrB, qnrC, qnrD, qnrS, qepA, oqxA, oqxB and aac(6')-lb-cr. The previously designed and validated specific primers and products length are listed in Supplemental Material, Table S1. Amplifications were conducted in 20 μL reaction volume containing 0.5 μL template DNA, 0.2 μL 10 nmol/L of each primer, 10 μL 2×PCR Mix (TianGen, China) and 9.1 μL ddH₂O, using an PCR instrument (Bio-Rad, U.S.). For amplification of the different amplicons, appropriate program parameters were used. The thermal cycle was initially denaturated at 95 °C for 5 min, followed by 35 cycles of 94 °C for 45 s, annealing for 45 s at different temperatures (Supplemental Material, Table S1), then 72 °C (with the exception of oqxA: 68 °C) for 1 min, with a final extension of 72 °C for 10 min, and then stored at 4 °C.

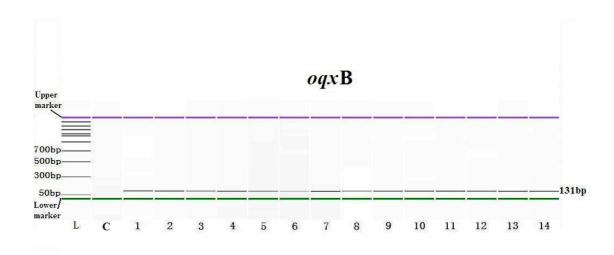
QPCR assays for PMQR genes: To minimize qPCR inaccuracy caused by potential difference in amplification efficiency between the standard and target (Chen et al. 2010; Yu et al. 2005), the abundance of each gene was quantified against its respective sample-derived standard using the respective specific primers in Supplemental Material, Table S1 which were the same as those used in qualitative PCR, synthesized by Invitrogen. These sample-derived standards from positive samples of corresponding genes were generated as described above, and diluted serially in molecular biology-grade water. Typically, DNA template (1 μL), optimized quantities (0.2 μL) of forward and reverse primers (Invitrogen, U.S.) were combined

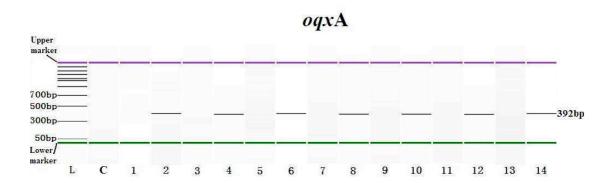
with MightyAmpTM for Real Time (SYBR[®] Plus) mix (TaKaRa, China) and molecular biology-grade water to create 20 μL reaction volumes. Optimal qPCR conditions were determined empirically, consisting of 10 min initial denaturation at 95 °C, followed by 40 cycles of denaturation at 95 °C for 15 s, and anneal (detailed in Supplemental Material, Table S1) and extension at 72 °C (with the exception of *oqx*A: 68 °C) for 1 min, with reading plate after each cycle. The qPCR reactions for 16S rRNA were performed in the same reaction mixtures as the PMQR genes, with a temperature program of 15 min at 95 °C, followed by 40 cycles of the following: 20 s at 95 °C, 45 s at 62 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C, with reading plate after each cycle.

SPE-UPLC-MS/MS: In this study, ten (fluoro)quinolones (ofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin, enrofloxacin, lomefloxacin, pefloxacin, marbofloxacin, pipemidic acid, danofloxacin and orbifloxacin, St. Louis, MO, USA, >97%) in wastewater, soil and control samples were analyzed by a Waters Acquity LCTM system coupled with Premier mass spectrometer (Waters, Milford, MA, USA) after solid-phase extraction (SPE) preparation.

Each freeze-dried and homogenized soil sample (2-5 g) was weighed into 50-mL polyethylene centrifuge tube. 10-mL ammonia/acetonitrile/water (v/v/v, 2:25:37) solution was added and vigorously vortexed for about 30 s, which was then ultrasonicated in water bath for 15 min and finally centrifuged at 10000 rpm for 10 min. The supernatant was decanted, and the extraction procedure was repeated again. The two portions of supernatant were combined and diluted to 200 mL with water. About 0.5 g EDTA-Na₂ was added to above solution. After dissolving, the solution

was passed through an Oasis® HLB cartridge (6cc, 150 mg, Waters) which was pre-treated in sequence with 5 mL methanol and 5 mL water at a rate of about 5 mL/min. Frozen wastewater samples (about 500 mL) were thawed and pre-filtered with Whatman GF/A filter paper (Whatman, U.K.) before addition of 0.5 g EDTA-Na₂, followed by passing through an Oasis® HLB cartridge (6cc, 150 mg, Waters). After sample loading, the cartridge was washed with 5 mL water, and then thoroughly dried in vacuum for 10 min. The Sep-Pak® NH₂ cartridge (6cc, 500 mg, Waters) pre-treated with 5 mL acetone was combined with HLB cartridges in series. The sample solution was loaded onto the Oasis® HLB cartridge, washed with 5 mL of 0.1 % formic acid in methanol and further washed from the Sep-Pak® NH₂ cartridge successively with 5 mL of 0.1 % formic acid mixed with 99.9 % methanol/ acetone (1:1 v/v) and 5 mL of 0.1 % formic acid in acetone. The final eluate (about 15 mL) was evaporated to dryness by a gentle nitrogen stream and finally made up to 1 mL with the initial mobile phase (methanol-water, 5:95, v/v) for LC-MS/MS analysis.





Supplemental Material, Figure S1: Typical gel images of amplified PMQR genes represented here by *oqx*B (131 bp) and *oqx*A (392 bp) genes. Each lanes represents, from left to right: (L) DNA ladder; (C) Control sample for site S (soil) (1) Sample S-s; (2) S-w; (3) F₁-s; (4) F₁-w; (5) F₂-s; (6) F₂-w; (7) F₃-s; (8) F₃-w; (9) D₁-s; (10) D₁-w; (11) D₂-s; (12) D₂-w; (13) D₃-s; (14) D₃-w. All other control samples were also negative.

Supplemental Material, Table S1: PCR (QPCR) primers and conditions used in this study.

Target gene	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Amplicon size (bp)	Annealing temperature (°C)	Reference	
qnrA	F: AGAGGATTTCTCACGCCAGG	580	54	(Cattoir et al. 2007a)	
qnrA	R: TGCCAGGCACAGATCTTGAC	360	34	(Catton et al. 2007a)	
qnrB	F: GGMATHGAAATTCGCCACTG	264	54	(Cattoir et al. 2007b)	
үнгы	R: TTTGCYGYYCGCCAGTCGAA	204	34	(Catton et al. 20070)	
qnrC	F: GGGTTGTACATTTATTGAATCG	307	55	(Pin Vim et al. 2000)	
qnrC	R: CACCTACCCATTTATTTCA	307	33	(Bin Kim et al. 2009)	
qnrD	F: CGAGATCAATTTACGGGGAATA	465	50	(Cavaco et al. 2009)	
qnrD	R: AACAAGCTGAAGCGCCTG	403	30	(Cavaco et al. 2009)	
qnrS	F: GCAAGTTCATTGAACAGGGT	428	54	(Cattoir et al. 2007a)	
qnrs	R: TCTAAACCGTCGAGTTCGGCG	420	34	(Catton et al. 2007a)	
qepA	F: CCAGCTCGGCAACTTGATAC	570	60	(Xia et al. 2010)	
церА	R: ATGCTCGCCTTCCAGAAAA	370	00	(Ala et al. 2010)	
o ar A	F: CTCGGCGCGATGATGCT	392	57	(Kim et al. 2009)	
oqxA	R: CCACTCTTCACGGGAGACGA	392	37	(Kiiii et al. 2009)	
o avD	F: TCCTGATCTCCATTAACGCCCA	131	64	(Kim et al. 2009)	
oqxB	R: ACCGGAACCCATCTCGATGC	131	04	(Killi et al. 2009)	
aga(6') Ib	F: TTGCGATGCTCTATGAGTGGCTA	482	58	(Park at al. 2006)	
aac(6')-Ib	R: CTCGAATGCCTGGCGTGTTT	402	36	(Park et al. 2006)	
16S rRNA	799F: GGTAGTCYAYGCMSTAAACG	263	62	(Pach et al. 2002)	
IUSIKINA	1044R: GACARCCATGCASCACCTG	203	02	(Bach et al. 2002)	

Supplemental Material, Table S2: PCR detection results of PMQR genes in total

DNA.

	Sample						PMQR gene						
Location ^a		Sample ID		qnrB	qnrC	qnrD	qnrS	qepA	oqxA	oqxB	aac(6')-lb-cr		
Shunyi		S-w	_d	_	_	+e	+	+	+	+	_		
Fangshan		_	•	F_1 -w	1	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	_
Fangshan	ater	F ₂ -w		_	_	+	+	+	+	+	_		
Fangshan	tewa	F ₃ -w	_	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	_		
Daxing	Wastewater ^b	D_1 -w	_	_	_	+	+	+	+	+	_		
Daxing		D ₂ -w	_	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	_		
Daxing		D ₃ -w	_	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	_		
Shunyi		S-s	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_		
Fangshan		F ₁ -s	1	_	_	+	1	+	1	+	_		
Fangshan	0	F ₂ -s	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_		
Fangshan	Soil	F ₃ -s		_	_	+		+		+	_		
Daxing	•	D ₁ -s	_	_	_	+	_	+	_	+	_		
Daxing		D ₂ -s			_	+		+		+	_		
Daxing		D ₃ -s	_	_	_	+		+		+	_		

^a Sampling locations were located in three districts of Beijing

d —: negative result

^e +: positive result

Note: all results from control samples were negative.

^b Wastewater samples were collected from effluents from seven swine feedlots.

^c Soil samples were collected from seven agriculture fields adjacent to corresponding swine feedlots

Supplemental Material, Table S3: Absolute concentrations^a of PMQR genes and 16S rRNA in this study, normalized to sample volume^b or mass^c.

Sample		PMQF	R gene ^d			16S rRNA	
Sample	qnrD	oqxB	qepA	qnrS	oqxA	Sum ^e	105 IKNA
C	4.22E+06	2.42E+05	1.19E+07	1 g	1	1.64E+07	1.21E+07
S-s	$(1.82E+05)^{f}$	(2.63E+04)	(3.90E+06)	n.d. ^g	n.d.	(4.09E+06)	(9.67E+05)
C	7.82E+06	4.71E+05	2.54E+06	1.11E+07	2.02E+06	2.39E+07	2.27E+06
S-w	(8.93E+04)	(1.78E+04)	(2.14E+05)	(4.78E+06)	(4.07E+05)	(5.21E+06)	(2.31E+05)
Г.	2.94E+05	1.45E+06	2.32E+06	1	1	4.06E+06	1.97E+07
F ₁ -s	(2.17E+04)	(1.95E+05)	(3.41E+05)	n.d.	n.d.	(5.38E+05)	(2.04E+06)
Б	6.04E+06	8.07E+06	2.53E+06	2.06E+06	7.66E+05	1.66E+07	1.85E+07
F ₁ -w	(2.25E+05)	(2.91E+05)	(2.14E+05)	(2.76E+05)	(2.24E+04)	(5.24E+05)	(3.21E+05)
Ба	7.20E+06	3.00E+06	9.92E+06			2.01E+07	1.98E+07
F ₂ -s	(2.63E+05)	(3.23E+05)	(2.51E+06)	n.d.	n.d.	(2.53E+06)	(9.71E+05)
Б	8.77E+06	4.41E+07	2.95E+07	1.29E+07	1.59E+06	9.69E+07	1.87E+07
F ₂ -w	(9.46E+04)	(2.31E+06)	(3.04E+06)	(2.06E+06)	(1.65E+05)	(5.96E+06)	(1.13E+06)
E a	4.69E+05	1.77E+06	2.34E+07		n.d.	2.56E+07	1.70E+07
F3-S	(1.17E+04)	(1.58E+05)	(2.85E+06)	n.d.		(2.89E+06)	(1.07E+06)
Б	5.23E+06	1.36E+07	3.79E+07	2.35E+07	1.18E+06	8.14E+07	1.68E+07
F ₃ -w	(8.50E+04)	(2.03E+06)	(5.80E+06)	(1.66E+06)	(1.74E+05)	(4.57E+06)	(1.26E+06)
D a	2.00E+06	1.24E+05	2.65E+06			4.77E+06	1.00E+07
D ₁ -s	(1.58E+05)	(1.42E+04)	(2.59E+05)	n.d.	n.d.	(4.02E+05)	(1.65E+06)
D w	8.32E+06	2.12E+06	8.97E+06	1.42E+07	5.62E+05	3.36E+07	1.92E+07
D ₁ -w	(2.00E+05)	(4.16E+05)	(5.30E+05)	(1.97E+06)	(2.26E+04)	(2.03E+06)	(2.63E+06)
D a	4.22E+06	7.86E+07	1.24E+07			9.52E+07	1.17E+07
D ₂ -s	(5.19E+04)	(3.47E+06)	(1.26E+06)	n.d.	n.d.	(2.31E+06)	(7.64E+05)
D w	1.63E+07	2.61E+08	9.29E+07	3.44E+07	1.92E+06	4.06E+08	3.52E+07
D ₂ -w	(7.80E+05)	(1.97E+07)	(3.35E+06)	(2.25E+06)	(1.68E+05)	(2.12E+07)	(3.47E+06)
D a	8.15E+06	3.40E+07	1.40E+07	n.d.	n.d.	5.61E+07	1.25E+07
D ₃ -s	(8.89E+04)	(3.04E+06)	(1.51E+06)	II.U.	II.U.	(4.13E+06)	(1.09E+06)
D w	3.14E+07	2.06E+08	9.64E+07	1.98E+07	1.50E+06	3.55E+08	3.16E+07
D ₃ -w	(1.43E+06)	(4.18E+07)	(1.84E+07)	(2.77E+06)	(2.24E+05)	(6.33E+07)	(1.51E+06)

^a All values are presented as the arithmetic means of three replicates determined by qPCR

^b Units are copies per milliliter for wastewater samples (copies/mL)

^c Units are copies per gram for soil samples (copies/g)

^d qnrA, qnrB, qnrC and aac(6')-Ib-cr were not detected

^e Sum of five PMQR genes (qnrD, oqxB, qepA, qnrS and oqxA)

^f Standard errors of the means are presented in brackets

g n.d.: not detected

Supplemental Material, Table S4: Relative abundances^a of PMQR genes^b in this study, normalized to corresponding 16S rRNA copies.

Campla		PMQ	R gene copies	/16S rRNA co	opies	
Sample	qnrD	oqxB	qepA	qnrS	oqxA	Sum ^c
C -	0.357	0.021	1.05	1 e	1	1.43
S-s	$(0.047)^{d}$	(0.004)	(0.438)	n.d. ^e	n.d.	(0.487)
C	3.52	0.211	1.13	4.57	0.879	10.3
S-w	(0.357)	(0.020)	(0.104)	(1.61)	(0.107)	(1.21)
Ea	0.015	0.078	0.124			0.217
F ₁ -s	(0.002)	(0.019)	(0.032)	n.d.	n.d.	(0.054)
E	0.327	0.437	0.137	0.112	0.041	1.06
F ₁ -w	(0.008)	(0.022)	(0.014)	(0.017)	(0.002)	(0.048)
Ea	0.365	0.150	0.501			1.02
F ₂ -s	(0.014)	(0.009)	(0.118)	n.d.	n.d.	(0.110)
E	0.473	2.36	1.57	0.694	0.085	5.18
F ₂ -w	(0.031)	(0.024)	(0.101)	(0.112)	(0.008)	(0.189)
F ₃ -s	0.028	0.105	1.37			1.50
	(0.002)	(0.012)	(0.082)	n.d.	n.d.	(0.075)
F ₃ -w	0.315	0.801	2.32	1.40	0.070	4.91
Г3-W	(0.026)	(0.057)	(0.487)	(0.053)	(0.005)	(0.496)
D a	0.208	0.014	0.281	n.d.	n d	0.503
D ₁ -s	(0.030)	(0.004)	(0.059)	II.u.	n.d.	(0.093)
D ₁ -w	0.450	0.116	0.485	0.798	0.030	1.88
D ₁ -w	(0.064)	(0.027)	(0.073)	(0.230)	(0.003)	(0.383)
D ₂ -s	0.365	6.74	1.08	n.d.	n.d.	8.19
D ₂ -s	(0.030)	(0.214)	(0.189)	II.u.	II.u.	(0.409)
D	0.467	7.60	2.70	0.998	0.056	11.8
D ₂ -w	(0.023)	(1.06)	(0.338)	(0.119)	(0.010)	(1.47)
D c	0.662	2.81	1.15	n d	n.d.	4.63
D ₃ -s	(0.060)	(0.529)	(0.201)	n.d.	II.U.	(0.773)
D ₃ -w	0.995	6.43	3.02	0.623	0.047	11.1
D3-W	(0.024)	(0.990)	(0.447)	(0.067)	(0.005)	(1.44)

^a All values are presented as the arithmetic means of three replicates determined by qPCR

^b qnrA, qnrB, qnrC and aac(6')-Ib-cr were not detected

^c Sum of five PMQR genes (qnrD, oqxB, qepA, qnrS and oqxA)

^d Standard errors of the means are presented in brackets

e n.d.: not detected

Supplemental Material, Table S5: Concentrations^a of (fluoro)quinolone residues

in this study, normalized to sample volume^b or mass^c.

	Sample													
(Fluoro)quinolones ^d			W	/astewate	er ^e						Soil			
	S-w	F ₁ -w	F ₂ -w	F ₃ -w	D_1 -w	D_2 -w	D_3 -w	S-s	F ₁ -s	F ₂ -s	F ₃ -s	D ₁ -s	D ₂ -s	D ₃ -s
OFX	52.9	13.0	0.810	111	4.57	39.5	5.85	5.31	n.d.i	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.71	n.d.
	$(1.56)^{h}$	(1.48)	(0.290)	(2.69)	(0.330)	(2.26)	(0.140)	(0.500)	II.u.	11. u .	11. u .	II.u.	(0.200)	11. u .
CIP	176	9.62	21.0	6.85	n.d.	14.9	244	7.15	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	20.4
CIF	(2.57)	(0.230)	(2.00)	(0.330)		(0.610)	(2.04)	(0.170)		11. u .	II.u.	II.u.	11. u .	(0.870)
NOR	40.6	38.1	34.3	7.80	nd	28.0	5.15	6.42	n.d.	1.16	n.d.	n.d.	1.40	1.35
NOK	(1.42)	(1.30)	(2.19)	(0.210)	n.d.	(1.01)	(0.310)	(0.250)	n.a.	(0.430)	II.u.	n.a.	(0.260)	(0.210)
ENRO	5.11	5.61	1.11	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	24.1	1.30	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	0.510
ENKO	(0.490)	(0.310)	(0.410)	n.u.	II.u.	n.a.	(0.760)	(0.430)	II.u.	11.4.	II.u.	II.u.	11.U.	(0.060)
LOM	7.31	7.91	1.64	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	9.82	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1.11
LOWI	(0.550)	(0.470)	(0.280)	11. u .	11.0.	11.4.	(0.600)	.600)	11.u.	11.4.	11.u.	11.u.	11.4.	(0.470)
PEFX	1.42	n.d.	1.40	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
TELA	(0.110)	n.d.	(0.070)	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.u.	11.4.	II.u.	n.u.	n.u.	11.4.
MB	9.72	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
IVID	(0.600)	n.d.	n.d.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.u.	11.4.	II.u.	n.u.	11.4.	11.4.
PPA	7.81	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
1171	(0.300)	n.u.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.4.	11.u.	11.4.	m.u.	n.u.	n.u.	11.4.
DANO	12.6	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Dilito	(0.190)	n.a.	n.a.	11.4.	n.d.	11.4.	11.4.	n.u.	11.4.	11.0.	11.4.	11.4.	n.u.	11.4.
OBFX	7.32	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
ODIA	(0.330)								11.U.		11.4.	11.u.		
Total ^g	321	74.2	60.3	125	4.57	82.4	289	20.2	n.d.	1.16	n.d.	n.d.	3.11	23.4
10111	(2.01)	(3.53)	(4.39)	(3.09)	(0.330)	(3.67)	(3.57)	(1.13)	11.u.	(0.430)	11.u.	n.u.	(0.300)	(1.50)

^a All values are presented as the arithmetic means of three replicates determined by SPE-UPLC-MS/MS

^b Units are nanogram per milliliter for wastewater samples (ng/mL)

^c Units are nanogram per gram for soil samples (ng/g)

d OFX=ofloxacin, CIP=ciprofloxacin, NOR=norfloxacin, OBFX=orbifloxacin, LOM=lomefloxacin, PEFX=pefloxacin, MB=marbofloxacin, PPA=pipemidic acid, DANO=danofloxacin, ENRO=enrofloxacin

^e Wastewater samples were collected from seven swine feedlots effluent

^f Soil samples were collected from seven agriculture fields adjacent to corresponding swine feedlots

^g Sum of ten (fluoro)quinolones (OFX, CIP, NOR, OBFX, LOM, PEFX, MB, PPA, DANO and ENRO)

^h Standard errors of the means are presented in brackets

i n.d.: not detected

Supplemental Material, Table S6: Correlations^a between relative abundances^b of PMQR genes and (fluoro)quinolone residues in this study.

(Elyana) gyina lanag ^c	PMQR gene									
(Fluoro)quinolones ^c	qnrD	oqxB	qepA	qnrS	oqxA	Sum ^d				
OFX	0.31	-0.01	0.45	0.58	0.39	0.35				
OFA	(0.28)	(0.98)	(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.16)	(0.22)				
CIP	0.70	0.30	0.50	0.56	0.56	0.65				
CIP	(0.01)	(0.30)	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.01)				
NOD	0.54	0.08	0.14	0.59	0.60	0.40				
NOR	(0.04)	(0.79)	(0.64)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.16)				
ENDO	0.30	0.37	0.48	0.15	0.14	0.47				
ENRO	(0.29)	(0.19)	(0.08)	(0.62)	(0.63)	(0.09)				
LOM	0.57	0.15	0.22	0.42	0.47	0.42				
LOM	(0.03)	(0.60)	(0.45)	(0.14)	(0.09)	(0.14)				
PEFX	n/a ^f	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
MB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
PPA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
DANO	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
OBFX	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				
Total ^e	0.80 (0.001)	0.23 (0.42)	0.54 (0.04)	0.77 (0.001)	0.73 (0.003)	0.71 (0.005)				

^a Values indicate the Pearson correlation coefficient (r), and the p-values are presented in brackets. The bold values in italics indicate statistical significance (p <0.05).

^b The absolute copies of PMQR genes normalized to corresponding 16S rRNA copies

OFX=ofloxacin, CIP=ciprofloxacin, NOR=norfloxacin, OBFX=orbifloxacin,
 LOM=lomefloxacin, PEFX=pefloxacin, MB=marbofloxacin, PPA=pipemidic acid,
 DANO=danofloxacin, ENRO=enrofloxacin

^d Sum of five PMQR genes (qnrD, oqxB, qepA, qnrS and oqxA)

^e Sum of ten (fluoro)quinolones (OFX, CIP, NOR, OBFX, LOM, PEFX, MB, PPA, DANO and ENRO)

^f n/a: no correlation available since PEFX, MB, PPA, DANO and OBFX were only detected in two or one sample

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